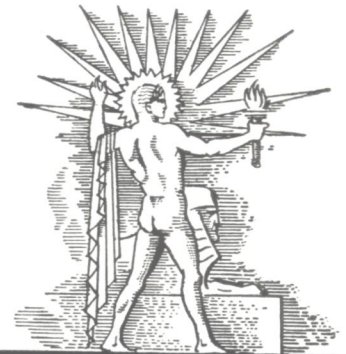


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A rough diamond is so little different in appearance from a valueless pebble that an average observer would not recognize it.

A botanist points out that people who grow cactus plants in pots often fail to water them, forgetting that in the desert the cactus stores up water.

Growing ice crystals develop pressures as great as 199 pounds to the square inch.

A tuberculosis clinic that travels about on wheels in a truck is operated by the State Board of Health in Georgia.

The hair of the Ute Indian is very coarse, sometimes ten times the thickness of the hair of a white man.

Ice cream packed in "dry ice" recently made a 12-day journey from Seattle to Berlin.

The library of Rameses II at Thebes had an inscription over the doorway reading, "The Hospital of the Soul."

Plant breeders from Cornell University have been assisting the University of Nanking, China, in a five-year program of crop improvement looking toward a more adequate food supply in that country.

Bats can remain head-downward throughout an entire winter's sleep.

Many of our picturesque names for colors, such as pea-green, vermilion, chestnut, were brought into use by biologists to describe the colors of birds and flowers.

Onions and other groceries may soon be sold in "duplex" cotton bags, which are woven with open mesh on one side so that the customer may inspect the contents.

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